

# Blanche Nevile Secondary School

**Newsletter** 

## **END OF YEAR**

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#### **Ms Worthington writes:**

#### Textiles

A big congratulations to year 10 students for completing their WJEC Certificate Shoe Design Project. All very different, unique ideas exhibiting their individual interests and aesthetics.



In KS3, students have been working with fabric paints and using Typography to explore different design patterns and lines. When students finish their T-shirt designs, they'll have something very personal to wear through the summer!





#### Ms Groome writes:

#### Science

The topic for this term for some students in KS3 has been about plants. Some of them have grown plants from seed and have recorded their growth over a few weeks. They have also learned about the ways in which plants disperse their seeds. Some plants use "explosive" methods to do this. We made models to demonstrate this as seen below, using paper cups and balloons.



### Parent BSL Classes!

Every Thursday 11-12pm.
Please contact the office if you would like to join! it's not too late!



## **Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,**

It has been so lovely returning from Maternity Leave this term, and seeing how much all the children have progressed with their learning.

I am so sad to be leaving Blanche Nevile at the end of the summer. It has been a great privilege to the Headteacher of this school, and work with so many fantastic staff and children. Sadly, family priorities mean that I need to be closer to home.

I will always be rooting for the school! And wish everyone all the best for the next few years. There is a fantastic cohort of year 7s joining the school in September and I have every faith in the team to drive things forwards.

Helen Taylor Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

My year as Interim Headteacher is nearly over and it has gone so quickly. It has been lovely working with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful and rested Summer holiday!

Karen Khwaja Interim Headteacher







## Mrs Christian writes:

# **Year 11 Art & Design Exhibition**

Congratulations to our Year 11
Artists and Designers who held a
fantastic exhibition of their GCSE
Art and GCSE Graphics work last
month. The students met with
many visitors on the day and
confidently explained their ideas
and work to them.

Our thanks to all those who were able to support the event and to our Primary school who came up to meet role models for their own futures when they will join BNS Secondary and come and create their own work in the Art & Design Dept.











The year 11 team worked together to 'staff' the event and everyone at BNS is extremely proud of them.

#### **Mrs Demirci writes:**

#### **Humanities**

This term students have been out in the local community and into London to visit places of worship. Students have been to East London Mosque, Muswell Hill Synagogue, St. James Church Muswell Hill and Westminster Abbey. Each building has been fascinating for students, and staff have welcomed us so warmly. Well done to all students who have taken part.



#### Careers

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated our Year 11 leavers, as they finish their time at school and move on to the next stage of their education at college. It was a wonderful evening with families, students and staff, and we are all so proud of this group and what they have achieved in their time with us. We wish them all the best for everything they do in the future!



### Ms Willis writes:

#### **English**

Year 9a/10a – This half term students have worked very hard to complete all of the work necessary to gain their Unit Award. Students have now completed their Unit Award for Romeo and Juliet. Well done 9a and 10a. You have worked very hard this year.



Year 10b – This half term, most of the students sat their Functional Skills English exams. I have been very impressed with how hard students have worked. This half term students have been given a slice of the next level they are working towards in their English. You have worked very hard this term. Well done and keep up the good work.



**Life Skills** – This term Year **7b** completed their Unit Awards in 'An Introduction to Independent Travel Skills' and 'An Introduction to Road Safety'.



**Year 7a** – Completed their Unit Award in 'Visiting a local bowling alley'

**Year 8** – Completed their Unit Award in 'Buying an item of food in a café or restaurant'

Year 9a/10A – Went to visit Durum Restaurant. A real treat for students. They have now completed their Unit Award in 'Reading from a menu – Unit 1'

**Year 10b** – Planned and prepared a trip to Gokyuzu Restaurant in Finchley. All students researched a place to eat and the winning presentation was chosen by a year 10 student who won Jack Petchey. Well done Year 10. You have worked hard this year.











## Ms Wallis writes:

#### English

It's been a fun, full year of discussions, role-play, drama, reading, creative writing and DRAMA! All of our students have responded enthusiastically to the challenging texts that we choose to read. The themes in our books have prompted our students to reflect on their own experiences and their own sense of right and wrong.



For example, Year 7 have been reading 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio so we've been discussing bullying and being brave enough to stand up for yourself and for others. Another Year 7 group have been thinking about the themes of kindness and forgiveness in their story, set in 'Narnia'.

Year 8 have been reading have been reading 'Macbeth' and discussing how characters change throughout the play and themes of betrayal, suspicion and madness.



Another Year 8 group have been reading, 'Refugee Boy' by Lemn Sissay so we have been discussing the plight of refugees and the importance of belonging and finding home.

Year 9 have been reading 'Romeo and Juliet' and by looking at the evidence together, they concluded that all the adults in the play failed the young people. Well done



everyone, we definitely have some talented young actors in our school!

# Ms Antoniewicz and Mr Gathani write:

#### Maths

Well done to everyone in Year 10 and Year 11 for completing your mocks and real exams! Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable – you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Wishing you all the very best of luck as you move into Year 11 and prepare for your future in college. Keep aiming high – your hard work will pay off! Also, well done to everyone who took part in the Maths competition – your fantastic work is proudly on display on the corridor wall for all to see. Please remember to continue supporting your pupils over the summer holiday using online Maths platforms such as IXL and MyMaths.

REMINDER
Please send your child into school with

# Important Dates

End of term—early close	Monday 21st July 12.00pm
A level results day	Thursday 14th August
GCSE results day	Thursday 21st August
NEW TERM STARTS	Wednesday 3rd September